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UTSA FAST FACTS

Location	San Antonio, Texas
Enrollment	27,338
Founded	1969
Nickname	Roadrunners
Colors	Orange (1655) and Blue (289)
Conference	Southland
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Athletics Director	Lynn Hickey
President	Dr. Ricardo Romo

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Media Information

Media Coverage

The UTSA Sports Information office assists members of the media with their coverage of all Roadrunners sports by providing player and coach interviews, feature ideas, pregame notes and updated statistics. In addition to the 2006 soccer media guide, media members may check UTSA's official athletics Web site — *goUTSA.com* — for the latest information on all the department's 16 sports.

Interviews

All interviews with coaches and student-athletes must be arranged at least 24 hours in advance by contacting soccer contact Carlos Valdez. Telephone interviews are available to the media on a "call-back" basis at a time that is convenient for the coach or student-athlete. Post-match interviews with coaches and players will be conducted on the field following a 10-minute "cooling off" period. The Roadrunners locker room is closed to the media.

Media Services

Media members are encouraged to contact the UTSA Sports Information Office for photography and media credentials at least 24 hours before a home match. Credentials can be picked up with proper photo identification at the ticket pass gate located on the field gate entrance.

A fax machine also is available in the UTSA Sports Information Office. That number is 210/458-4569.

Practices

UTSA welcomes all media to attend soccer practices during the season. Please call the Sports Information office for practice times and requests for interviews. In most cases, coaches and student-athletes are available before and after practice. Pre-match practices are closed to the media.

Internet

Fans and media members can keep up with the latest information on all 16 UTSA sports on the official Web site for Roadrunners Athletics at *goUTSA.com*. You will find match recaps, box scores, updated statistics, weekly notes, player and coach biographies, schedules, rosters, archives, photos and play-by-play coverage of most soccer matches.

UTSA's Official Web Site
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2006 Outlook

A new era begins at UTSA with the addition of women's soccer. Head Coach Steve Ballard has his team ready for its first season of competition with hopes of making noise in the Southland Conference.

Goalies

Guarding the goal for UTSA are three promising goalkeepers in junior transfer Rachel Francis and freshmen Kasi Hebert and Melanie Ringel. Francis comes to UTSA from Cedar Valley Junior College where she was a 2005 first-team NSCAA/Junior College All-American. Serving as Francis' backups are Hebert and Ringel. Hebert was second-team all-district in 2005 and '06, while Ringel earned first-team all-district honors in 2004 and second-team accolades in 2003.

Defenders

Aiding the goalkeeper on the field this season will be freshmen Celeste Carruth, Ezinne Okpo and Meagan Woods and sophomore Carly Chudej. Carruth played four seasons at Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas, and was second-team all-district a year ago. Chudej is a three-time first-team all-district choice and Defensive MVP. Okpo earned first-team all-district honors (2004 and 2005). Woods joins fellow high school teammate Carruth in the backfield. Woods lettered three years at Robert E. Lee. Also looking to see action in the backfield are Chea Pajak, Christy Underwood and Erin Ussery

Midfielders

At the midfield position will be freshmen Svetlana Dmitriakov, Kylee Hix, Julie Kopp and Kimberly Selman. Dmitriakov received all-district, all-city and all-state accolades during her junior and senior years and helped lead Lake Highlands High School to back-to-back bi-district championships. Hix, who hails from Odessa, Texas, was all-district (2004 and 2005) and the team captain a year ago. Kopp was a three-year starter at California High School and she nabbed first-team all-district honors in 2006. Selman, who was selected to the 2006 Girls Super Team, earned first-

team all-district honors in 2003 and 2005. Others who could see action at midfield are Hebert, freshmen Kaitlyn Symons and Chelsea Pack.

Forwards

Manning the front line for UTSA this season will be freshmen Halee Hamm, Holli McGue and Veronica Najera. Hamm played at Robert E. Lee, where she was named Offensive Player of the Year and first-team all-district in 2005. McGue is a striker from Livermore, Calif., where she was named team Most Valuable Player for three consecutive seasons. Rounding out the forward position is Najera, a two-time first-team all-district selection (2004 and 2005) and 2004 Offensive Player of the Year. Freshmen Mikelle Stack, Symons and sophomore Christine Walker will see playing time at the forward position.

The Schedule

Ballard has set up a tough non-conference schedule for the Roadrunners this season, highlighted with a match against Big 12 regular season and tournament champion Texas A&M on Aug. 27 in College Station. The Runners also face Big 12 foes Texas (exhibition) on Aug. 18, Texas Tech on Aug. 25 and Baylor on Sept. 15. The schedule includes a trip to El Paso for the Miner Classic (Sept. 1-3) against Grambling and UTEP. UTSA opens Southland Conference action at home against in-state rival Texas State on Sept. 27. The Roadrunners then travel to Nacogdoches, Texas, for a match against 2005 SLC regular season champions Stephen F. Austin. The Runners return home for two contests against Southeastern Louisiana on Oct. 6 and new SLC member Central Arkansas on Oct. 8. The Runners will make their first trip to Louisiana for a two-game road swing against Nicholls State (Oct. 13) and SLC Tournament Champion Northwestern State on Oct. 19. UTSA will close out the regular season on the road against Sam Houston State on Oct. 27, before traveling to San Marcos, Texas, for the 2006 SLC Tournament.

2006 UTSA Soccer Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Height	Class	Hometown/Last School
1	Rachel Francis	GK	6-1	Jr.-TR	Lancaster/Cedar Valley JC
2	Chea Pajak	D/MF	5-4	Fr.-HS	McKinney/McKinney HS
3	Kari Weiland	MF/F	5-4	Fr.-HS	Flower Mound/Flower Mound HS
4	Holli McGue	F	5-7	Fr.-HS	San Ramon, Calif./Valley Christian HS
5	Kasi Hebert	MF/GK	5-8	Fr.-HS	Spring/Klein Collins HS
6	Veronica Najera	F	5-1	Fr.-HS	Waxahachie/Waxahachie HS
7	Meagan Woods	D/MF	5-9	Fr.-HS	Midland/Robert E. Lee HS
8	Chelsea Zimmerman	MF	5-6	Fr.-HS	Mansfield/Timberview HS
9	Christy Underwood	MF/D	5-10	Fr.-HS	Colleyville/Grapevine HS
10	Svetlana Dmitriakov	MF/F	5-4	Fr.-HS	Dallas/Lake Highlands HS
11	Christine Walker	F	5-6	Fr.-HS	San Antonio/Jackson State
12	Kimberly Selman	MF	5-7	Fr.-HS	Fort Worth/Arlington Heights HS
13	Mikelle Stack	F	5-7	Fr.-HS	Plano/Plano Senior HS
14	Chelsea Pack	F	5-7	Fr.-HS	Spring/Klein Collins HS
15	Julie Kopp	MF	5-4	Fr.-HS	San Ramon, Calif./California HS
16	Erin Ussery	D	5-6	Fr.-HS	Grapevine/Colleyville Heritage HS
17	Kaitlyn Symons	MF	5-9	Fr.-HS	Hurst/Forth Worth Christian HS
18	Halee Hamm	F	5-6	Fr.-HS	Midland/Robert E. Lee HS
19	Celeste Carruth	D/MF	5-8	Fr.-HS	Midland/Robert E. Lee HS
20	Kylee Hix	D/F	5-6	Fr.-HS	Odessa/Permian HS
21	Ezinne Okpo	D	5-6	Fr.-HS	Denton/Denton HS
23	Nikki Velez	MF	5-1	So.-TR	Las Vegas, Nev./UNLV
24	Melanie Ringel	GK	5-8	Fr.-HS	Fort Worth/Haltom HS
	Robin Acerra	F	5-4	RS-Fr.	San Antonio/Regan HS
	Carly Chudej	D	5-6	So.-TR	Bellaire/Bellaire HS
	Kim Gonzales	F/MF	5-5	RS-Fr.	San Antonio/O'Connor HS
	Paige Hardy	D/MF	5-7	RS-Fr.	Austin/Lake Travis HS
	Darika Lopez	MF	5-2	RS-Fr.	Uvalde/Uvalde HS
	Tara Manus	F	5-3	RS-Fr.	Klein Spring/Klein Spring HS
	Jenny Munoz	F/MF	5-3	RS-Fr.	El Paso/Eastwood HS
	Marin Nelson	D	5-6	RS-Fr.	San Antonio
	Kat Quinn	D/MF	5-3	RS-Fr.	San Antonio/Taft HS
	Amber Rendlemen	MF/D	5-6	RS-Fr.	San Antonio/Judson HS
	Tarah Sanchez	D/MF	5-4	RS-Fr.	El Paso/Montwood HS

Head Coach: Steve Ballard (First Season/SUNY-Cortland, 1974)

Assistant Coach: Kristin Boeker (First Season/Missouri, 2001)

Shovik Dasgupta

Manager



Runners By Position

Goalies

Rachel Francis
Kasi Hebert
Melanie Ringel

Defenders

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Kylee Hix
Ezinne Okpo
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Erin Ussery
Meagan Woods
Kari Weiland
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Forwards

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Kylee Hix
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Veronica Najera
Chelsea Pack
Mikelle Stack
Christine Walker

2006 UTSA Soccer Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri	Aug. 18	at Texas (Exhibition)	Austin	7 p.m.
Fri	Aug. 25	Texas Tech	San Antonio	7 p.m.
Sun	Aug. 27	at Texas A&M	College Station	2 p.m.
Wed	Aug. 30	Prairie View A&M	San Antonio	7 p.m.
Fri	Sept. 1	vs. Grambling %	El Paso	6 p.m.
Sun	Sept. 3	at UTEP %	El Paso	2 p.m.
Fri	Sept. 8	at SMU	Dallas	2 p.m.
Sun	Sept. 10	Texas Southern	San Antonio	1 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 15	at Baylor	Waco	7 p.m.
Sun	Sept. 17	Houston	San Antonio	4 p.m.
Sat	Sept. 23	at TCU	Fort Worth	7 p.m.
Wed	Sept. 27	Texas State *	San Antonio	7 p.m.
Sun	Oct. 1	at Stephen F. Austin *	Nacogdoches	2 p.m.
Fri	Oct. 6	Southeastern Louisiana *	San Antonio	7 p.m.
Sun	Oct. 8	Central Arkansas *	San Antonio	1 p.m.
Fri	Oct. 13	at Nicholls State *	Thibodaux, La.	4 p.m.
Thur	Oct. 19	at Northwestern State *	Natchitoches, La.	5 p.m.
Sun	Oct. 22	McNeese State *	San Antonio	1 p.m.
Fri	Oct. 27	at Sam Houston State *	Huntsville	7 p.m.
Tue-Sun	Oct. 31-Nov. 5	Southland Tournament	San Marcos	TBA
Fri	Nov. 10-Dec. 3	NCAA Tournament	TBA	TBA

*schedule is tentative and subject to change
home matches in bold and played at UTSA Recreational Sports Complex
% Miner Classic · * Southland Conference matches*

Travel Arrangements

August 31- September 3	T.B.D.	El Paso, TX (UTEP)
September 7-8	LaQuinta Inn	Dallas, TX (SMU)
September 23-24	Courtyard by Marriott	Fort Worth, TX (TCU)
September 30- October 1	LaQuinta Inn	Lufkin, TX (Stephen F. Austin)
October 12-13	Howard Johnson	Thibodaux, LA (Nicholls State)
October 18-19	Hampton Inn	Natchitoches, LA (Northwestern State)



Steve Ballard Head Coach First season (SUNY-Cortland 1974)

Steve Ballard, who led Eastern Illinois to four consecutive appearances in the NCAA Division I College Cup, is the first head coach of the new women's soccer program at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Ballard, who started the highly-successful Panther program in 1995 and also launched programs at Averett University and Elon University, has more than 25 years of coaching experience. He also is nearing the NCAA Division I top-50 list for all-time coaching victories.

In 10 years at EIU, Ballard compiled a 126-66-13 record, averaging 12 wins a season. He put together nine consecutive seasons of at least 10 victories. He also oversaw a complete move into the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) in 1999 after EIU held dual membership with the Missouri Valley Conference during the 1998 season. Within just a year of starting the EIU program in 1995, Ballard built the Panthers into a regional powerhouse in Charleston, Ill., compiling a 16-5 record in 1996. He continued to build upon his early success and led EIU to its first OVC regular season title in 1999 with a 12-9 record that began a string of six consecutive conference championships for Ballard.

The Panthers claimed the OVC regular season title in 1999 and 2000, won the tournament championship in 1998 and from 2001-2004 and advanced to the NCAA College Cup from 2001-2004. Ballard was named OVC Coach of the Year in 2000 after the Panthers compiled a 15-4-1 record. The following year, he guided EIU to a 14-6 record and the OVC Tournament title. In 2004, Ballard led the Panthers to a 13-5-2 record as they led the league in shots, goals, assists, points and corner kicks. Joining the OVC, Ballard's squads went 33-4-3 (.857) in regular season league play and constructed a 10-1-1 (.869) record during the conference tournament.

Included in his team's unprecedented success were numerous individual honors, including 45 All-OVC accolades and three OVC Player of the Year and Freshman

of the Year awards. In addition, his players earned seven NCAA Great Lakes Region All-America honors as the Panthers annually ranked among national leaders in offense and defense.

Ballard also put a high standard on academics and it was evident by the fact that his team combined for the highest grade point average of any sport at EIU from 2001-2003. The Panthers also were awarded an NSCAA & adidas team academic award for having a team GPA above 3.0 every year from 1997-2004. Three players earned the OVC Medal of Honor for women's soccer in 2003.

Prior to his success at EIU, Ballard was the head women's and men's soccer coach at Averett University in Danville, Va., from 1990-94. In addition, he was also an evaluator for the Virginia Olympic Development Program (ODP).

Starting in 1978, Ballard was the head men's and women's soccer coach at Elon University in Elon, N.C. In 10 years as head men's coach, Ballard's teams won the Carolinas Conference Championship three times and finished second on three other occasions. He compiled a 106-69-16 record and Elon qualified for the NAIA playoffs nine of his 10 years as head coach.

Ballard's women's teams at Elon advanced to the NAIA East Regional all three years and ranked among the top 10 nationally each season. During his stint at Elon, he was named Carolinas Conference Coach of the Year and NAIA District 26 Coach of the Year. From 1982-88, Ballard was the state coach for the North Carolina ODP.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY-Cortland in 1974 and completed a master's degree in physical education from the University of North Carolina in 1977. While at Chapel Hill, Ballard was an assistant coach for the Tar Heels program.



Kristin Boeker Assistant Coach First season (Missouri 2001)

Kristin Boeker, who helped coach Eastern Illinois to three consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Tournament titles and three straight trips to the NCAA Women's College Cup, comes to UTSA after three successful seasons at EIU and reunites with former Panthers head coach Steve Ballard.

After a standout four-year playing career at the University of Missouri, Boeker began her collegiate coaching career at EIU in 2002. She helped guide the Panthers to a 36-18-9 record in three years, including three consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Tournament titles. An EIU player garnered the OVC Tournament MVP award all three years she was there and 17 EIU players earned all-conference awards and 12 all-tournament accolades. In addition, the Panthers boasted the OVC Player of the Year in 2003 and the OVC Freshman of the Year in 2004.

Boeker had a stellar career at the Missouri, lettering four years from 1997-2000. She helped lead

the Tigers to an NCAA College Cup appearance in 1999 as a junior. As a freshman in 1997, Boeker was named an honorable mention Freshman All-American by *Soccer Buzz* and also earned status on the *Soccer Buzz* Freshman All-Central Region team. Boeker was also named honorable mention All-Big 12 and was the Tigers' Offensive Player of the Year. As a sophomore, she was named second-team All-Big 12 and also earned a spot on the conference All-Tournament team. In addition, *Soccer Buzz* honored Boeker once again on the All-Central Region team.

Boeker was an assistant coach for the Missouri Olympic Development Program in Region II from 2002-2004 and served as an assistant coach at Hickman High School in Columbia, Mo., in 2002.

A member of the National Soccer Coaches Association, Boeker also has been involved with a multitude of well-known soccer camps, including camps at Missouri, Notre Dame, Stanford and Eastern Illinois.